

REMARKS

In the reply filed on November 25, 2002 by Applicants, the marked up version of claim 19, at line 4, inadvertently failed to show an underlining of "the" followed by a recitation of "a" in brackets. The present amendment sets forth a marked up version of claim 19 that correctly underlines "the", at line 4, and recites "a" in brackets.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Appendix I is submitted herewith, indicating the amendments to the claim 19. Applicants believe that the invention described and defined by the amended claims is patentable over the rejections of the Examiner. Withdrawal of all rejections and reconsideration of the amended claims is requested. An early allowance is earnestly sought.

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APPENDIX I

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (amended) A method for predicting whether or not a transplant recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft comprising detection of IgG anti-HLA DR antibodies in the serum of the recipient against a panel of control B lymphocytes wherein detection of such antibodies indicates that the [a] recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft.